BE ACTIVE - WARMING UP FOR YOUR DAILY LIFE!

Keeping your legs strong and maintaining good balance is the best way to reduce your chances of having a fall. If you are just starting to be physically active, consult with a healthcare professional to make sure these activities are right for you. Start with a few exercises and build up endurance, strength and balance over time. A good warm up includes a variety of movements that get you prepared for physical activity.

Start with 2-4 activities from the “Getting Ready to Move” column, then add on 1-2 from “Challenging Balance” and/or “Building Strength” to progress. Start with 4 repetitions and increase to 12 as you progress. Balance exercises can be held for 10-15 seconds per side.

GETTING READY TO MOVE
CHOOSE 2 - 4
- SHOULDER ROLL
- REACHING UP
- SIDE TO SIDE ROTATION
- WALKING
- FOOT ALPHABET
- MARCHING

CHALLENGING BALANCE
CHOOSE 1 - 2
- WALKING A LINE
- SIDE TO SIDE STEP
- STAGGERED STANCE
- LUNGE
- SINGLE LEG BALANCE
- SINGLE LEG BALANCE WITH ARM REACH

BUILDING STRENGTH
CHOOSE 1 - 2
- LEG CURL
- SIDE LEG LIFT
- HEEL RAISE
- TOE AND HEEL TAPS
- WALL PUSH-UP
- SIT TO STAND

REMEMBER TO: HAVE SLOW AND CONTROLLED MOVEMENT, GO AT YOUR OWN PACE/SPEED/ABILITY, AND BREATHE THROUGHOUT.